# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

# CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): March 31, 2004

#### PINNACLE AIRLINES CORP.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Commission File Number 001-31898



#### Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

### 1689 Nonconnah Blvd, Suite 111 Memphis, TN

(Address of principal executive offices)

03-0376558

(I. R. S. Employer Identification No.)

38132

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (901) 348-4100

#### Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure

On March 31, 2004, Pinnacle Airlines Corp., issued a press release to announce that Philip H. Trenary, President & CEO of Pinnacle Airlines, has joined the Company's Board of Directors. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

#### Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

#### (c) Exhibits:

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release issued by Pinnacle Airlines Corp. dated March 31, 2004

#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

PINNACLE AIRLINES CORP.

(Registrant)

Curtis E. Sawyer,

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

April 1, 2004

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#### **Trenary added to Pinnacle Airlines Board**

Pinnacle Airlines Corp. (NASDAQ: PNCL) today announced that Philip H. Trenary, President & CEO of Pinnacle Airlines, has joined the Company's Board of Directors. Mr. Trenary was elected at Pinnacle's March Board Meeting.

"Phil's leadership and commitment to Pinnacle and its People are evident in the quality of the product it provides to its Customers and to Northwest. He is an integral component of the organization and I welcome him as a Director," said Stephen Gorman, Pinnacle's Chairman.

Mr. Trenary joined Pinnacle Airlines on April 1, 1997 as President & CEO. In this position, he is responsible for the operational and financial aspect of the airline, which operates as Northwest Airlink. Under his direction, and with a specific vision that integrated its People in the process, Pinnacle Airlines has transformed from a small regional airline operating 19-seat and 33-seat turbo-props, to one of the nation's premier regional carriers. Pinnacle currently operates an all–jet fleet, and flies 502 flights to over 80 cities in North America from hubs in Detroit, Memphis and Minneapolis – St. Paul. The airline employs over 2,200 People.

In 2000, Mr. Trenary was recognized as Regional Airline Executive of the Year by Commuter/ Regional News. The following year Pinnacle was named Regional Airline of the Year by Professional Pilot Magazine.

Mr. Trenary is the current Chairman of the Regional Airline Association, which represents U.S. regional airlines and the suppliers of products and services that support the industry, before the U.S. Congress, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation and other federal and state agencies. RAA member airlines transport between 90 percent and 95 percent of all regional airline passengers.

Mr. Trenary's business efforts are supplemented by his commitment to the community. Currently, he is Chairman of the Memphis-Shelby County Music Commission, incoming Chair of the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau and is on the Board of Directors for the Memphis Regional Chamber and Memphis Tomorrow.

A native of Oklahoma, Mr. Trenary graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Engineering Technology. A pilot for many years, Mr. Trenary also holds an Airline Transport Rating.

Pinnacle Airlines, Inc., operates under the name Northwest Airlink and provides service to destinations in the United States and Canada. Pinnacle operates an all-jet fleet of Canadair 44 and 50-seat Regional Jets from Northwest hubs at Detroit, Memphis and Minneapolis-St. Paul. Pinnacle Airlines maintains its headquarters in Memphis, Tenn., and employs more than 2,200 People. For further information, please contact Philip Reed, Vice-President of Marketing at <a href="mailto:preed@nwairlink.com">preed@nwairlink.com</a> or visit our web-site at <a href="mailto:www.nwairlink.com">www.nwairlink.com</a>.